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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7413**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1556

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 16, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** County Inmate Drug Rehabilitation Fund.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Battles

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

- A. It establishes the County Inmate Drug Rehabilitation Fund in each county to provide drug treatment and rehabilitation services to inmates confined in a jail located in the county.
- B. It provides that if a county receives funds from the state for confining a person: (1) placed under the custody or made a ward of the Department of Correction; and (2) in a jail located in the county; 20% of the funds must be deposited in the county inmate drug rehabilitation fund.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** As an illustration of how much revenue may be deposited into these new funds, the Department of Correction (DOC) spent \$19.3 M to house DOC offenders in county jails during FY 2008. If 20% is deposited into a county inmate drug rehabilitation fund, \$3.8 M would be made available for substance abuse programs. For the FY 2008 and FY 2009, DOC reimbursed sheriffs \$35 for the cost of incarcerating felony offenders in county jails instead of placing them in DOC facilities.

On December 31, 2008, DOC housed 1,766 offenders in 88 counties. Of these 88 counties, 70 counties had substance abuse programs inside the jails. Counties are to deposit 20% of the \$35 (or \$7) into the county

inmate drug rehabilitation fund to provide drug treatment and rehabilitation services.

**State Agencies Affected:** DOC.

**Local Agencies Affected:** County sheriffs.

**Information Sources:** DOC; HEA 1001 – 2007.

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